

on which each of these promotions were made. But I may assure the House that no vacancy is kept unfilled unless it be for the reason of the proper man being on leave or for any such contingency.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Are all these hands confirmed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—All these are not confirmed, because some are officiating in acting vacancies.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Cannot they be confirmed if they are acting in permanent vacancies?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—In the case of a permanent vacancy which is filled by promotion it is usual in the interests both of the officer and the department to keep him on probation at least for six months.

Graduates in aided Primary Schools—Appointment in Government Schools.

36. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of graduates working in the aided Primary Schools in the State,—

(b) whether they can be given appointments in Government schools when vacancies arise?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) 4.

They have to take their chance along with others seeking Government appointments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Won't this be a preference?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Any experience in the teaching line will be considered as a preference, but this is a question to be considered that by the time he applies for a vacancy, he must not become age-barred.

Holidays for the State Museum.

37. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays for Museum in Trichur in a year;

(b) why it is closed on public holidays;

(c) whether any complaints have been received as yet for closing it on public holidays;

(d) whether it can be opened on these days too in future?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) All Fridays and public holidays such as the Birth-day of His Highness the Maharaja, the King Emperor's Birth-day, Thiruvonam day, etc. (The number of holidays varies from year to year, and hence it is not possible to state the exact number in a year).

(b) It is not closed on all public holidays. Sunday is not a holiday for the Museum. The Museum is open to the public during the Onam holidays (except Thiruvonam day), Christmas holidays, Easter holidays, the Trichur Pooram holidays and such other gala days. It is to be noted that the maximum number of visitors visit the Institution on these days, and it is fully in consideration of the public convenience and utility that these holidays are not availed of. The Museum is closed only on Fridays and on ordinary holidays and the necessity for this is noted in answer to sub-division (d).

(c) No such complaints have yet been received here.

(d) It cannot be opened on all public holidays. Often the animals have to be transferred from one cage to another, and it is found that such work is conveniently done on holidays when there would be no disturbance from the public. Moreover it will be very hard if the Museum Staff are not given a few holidays in a year.

Poverty certificates issued by Panchayat Presidents.

38. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of poverty certificates issued by the various Panchayat Presidents in the State;

(b) the number of certificates accepted by the Department;

(c) the reasons for rejecting certificates in such case?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No records relating to this are maintained.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—To whom are all these certificates forwarded?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The certificates are forwarded to the Director.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will there not be a record there?